

FISCAL NOTE

HB 388 - SB 1180

March 10, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces from 9 to 7.5 grams the amount of methamphetamine precursor required for the Class D felony offense of promotion of methamphetamine manufacture. Limits such purchase to those made within a 30-day period.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$118,700 / Incarceration*


Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Correction (DOC), there were five admissions in FY06 for promotion of methamphetamine manufacture. Estimate assumes a reduction of the amount of precursor to 7.5 grams purchased within a 30-day period will double the number of convictions.
- According to DOC, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2007 is \$60.16. Five additional persons will be convicted of promotion of methamphetamine manufacture in the first year.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, population growth in Tennessee has averaged 1.09 percent per year for the past 10 years. Population growth will result in one additional person serving 0.9 years (328.73 days). The maximum cost in the tenth year, as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-4-210, is based on six offenders serving 0.9 years as a result of this bill. The cost per inmate at 0.9 years is \$19,776.40 (\$60.16 x 328.73 days). The total additional cost for six offenders is \$118,658.40 (\$19,776.40 x 6).

**Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director